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22. A method according to Claim 18, wherein the quartz glass tubes have ends, and each end of the quartz glass tubes facing a burner flame intersects the longitudinal axis of the tube at a right angle.

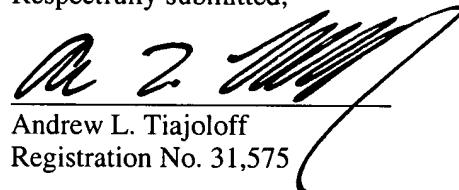
REMARKS

New claims are here presented in a more conventional U.S. claim format, and to eliminate multiple dependency. Early allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant also submits herewith a PTO 1449 listing the references cited in the International Search Report, as well as listing and providing a copy of the German reference discussed in the application.

Should any questions arise, the Examiner is invited to telephone attorney for applicants at 212-682-9640.

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